



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting

September 25, 2020
1:01pm, Google Meet

I. Establishment of Quorum

Present were: Jason Killian (Chair), Chantel Rivera (Senator of Allied Health Services and Nursing), Kimberly Baca (Senator of Associates), Larry Fields (Senator of Humanities, Adult Basic Education and Early Childhood Education), Gene Sandoval (Senator of CTE), Rachael Lucero (Senator of STEM and Business), Sherry Goodyear (Secretary/Senator of Satellites) and Linda Salazar (Senator ex-officio/LRC).

II. Call of Meeting to Order - 1:01 P.M.

III. Approval of Agenda –Gene motioned and Rachael seconded – motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 9-18-2020 – Rachael motioned we approve minutes with corrections. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

V. Informational/Discussion Items

A. Senators/Senate Reports

Chantel Rivera (Allied Health and Nursing) – Nothing new to report.

Gene Sandoval (CTE) – The current director of CTE is leaving at the end of this month, so the department is looking for a new director.

Kimberly Baca (Associates) – Nothing new to report.

Rachael Lucero (STEM and Business) – To deal with book issues, STEM has decided to use as few book-store materials as possible, and to order items that are needed as early as possible.

Larry Fields (Humanities, Adult Basic Education, and Early Education) –Nothing new to report.

Linda Salazar (Ex Officio/LRC)-Nothing new to report.

Sherry Goodyear (Secretary/Satellites)-Nothing new to report.

Jason Killian (Chair) – Found out the book store is now under the purview of Donna Flores Medina, so she needs to be contacted with any issues.

B. Bylaw Discussion – We are uncertain how to proceed with this in terms of meeting times – how often, etc. Kim said Dr. Patterson said it is entirely up to the various groups to decide the number of meeting times that make sense for the institution and getting things done. Sherry recommended we meet twice a month because this keeps the ball rolling without stopping progress. She said she has reviewed and marked all the strange inconsistencies that currently exist within the bylaws and will send those out to the group for review. The plan is to look at the Bylaws at next week’s meeting and see what we need to change.

C. Special Election –Jason is considering sending out an email trying to encourage people to run for Faculty Senate Vice Chair; a position that is very hard to fill because it is a three-year

commitment. We discussed the possibility of revising the bylaws to accommodate the lack of interest in certain senate positions such as Chair and Vice Chair.

Key issues addressed:

-There is a problem with getting anyone to take on the three-year commitment required by the Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Position.

-Should we revise our By-laws to say that Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary Positions will be elected from the sitting Senate members; and if so, would we need to add an additional senator position, so we have an odd number of senators? Would electing these positions from our standing senate body negatively affect the elected senators' representation of the departments they represent due to the Chair's job being to run meetings, and s/he not being able to vote other than in a tie?

-Perhaps the immediate past chair position could be considered as an advisory position instead of part of a three-year commitment for the vice chair/chair/immediate past chair trifecta.

-Larry recommended continuation of election of Vice Chair and Chair as we have always done, but assisting the process by putting into the bylaws a stipulation that if no one runs for the position(s), someone from the existing senate could be elected to fill said position(s).

-We could also separate things out to where the Vice Chair is not a three-year position, but rather, a one-year stint where the individual may or may not opt to run for Chair in the future.

-We will want to address all of this when we revise our bylaws.

VI. Open Bills - None

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VII. Action Items - None

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VIII. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

-Bylaw Discussion

-Senator Reports

IX. Adjournment - 2:13P.M. Sherry motioned and Chantel seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes by Sherry Goodyear, Faculty Senate Secretary